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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Xiong et al.

Examiner: D. Ramirez

Serial No.: 09/541,462

Group Art Unit: 1652

Filed: March 31, 2000

For: ISOLATED DNA ENCODING CULLIN REGULATORS ROC1 AND ROC2,
ISOLATED PROTEINS ENCODED BY THE SAME, AND METHODS
UTILIZING THE SAME

Date: March 31, 2004

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE
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Sir:

Pursuant to 35 USC §134, 37 CFR 1.191, and MPEP §1205, the Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Final Office Action dated October 17, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated February 17, 2004 at least twice rejecting or finally rejecting claims 15 and 16.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$640.00 (\$165.00 for the Appeal fee and \$475.00 for the Petition for a 3-month Extension of Time fee).

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A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed.

Also enclosed:

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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